

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Masaru AMAI, et al. **Conf No.: 1649**  
U.S. Serial No. : 10/593,560  
Filed : September 20, 2006  
Examiner : Bibi Sharidan Carrillo  
Group Art Unit : 1792  
For : SUBSTRATE CLEANING APPARATUS, SUBSTRATE  
CLEANING METHOD, AND MEDIUM FOR RECORDING  
PROGRAM USED FOR THE METHOD

**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 111**

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Sir :

In response to the non-Final Office Action mailed December 16, 2009, to which a response is due March 16, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the following remarks. Accompanying this response is the requisite fee for one (1) additional independent claim.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 2.

**Remarks** begin at page 6.